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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S FAREWELL MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER  
FAHMY

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM SECRE-  
TARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: MY DEAR ISMAIL: YOU WILL NOT BE  
SURPRISED THAT THE PROSPECT OF LAYING ASIDE MY RESPONSI-  
BILITIES, WITH THE ADVENTURES AND EXERTIONS THEY HAVE  
BROUGHT OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, HAS PUT ME IN A SENTI-  
MENTAL MOOD. INDEED I HAVE NEVER MADE ANY SECRET OF THE  
FACT THAT MY ASSOCIATIONS WITH THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE A  
STRONG GRIP ON MY EMOTIONS.

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3. AT THE CENTER OF MY REFLECTIONS ARE THOUGHTS OF MY  
EGYPTIAN FRIENDS AND THE STIRRING HOURS AND WEEKS WE HAVE  
SPENT TOGETHER. THE REWARDS HAVE BEEN ALL THE RICHER BE-  
CAUSE OF THE COURAGE, VISION AND PRACTICAL WISDOM THAT  
PRESIDENT SADAT AND YOU HAVE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON OUR COMMON  
AGENDA. YOU HAVE BEEN UNFAILINGLY QUICK AND ASTUTE IN OUR  
DIALOGUE OVER THESE HISTORIC YEARS. I CHERISH ESPECIALLY

THE CANDOR THAT YOU HAVE SHOWN ME, AND THAT HAS BEEN SUCH A SOURCE OF STRENGTH IN OUR FRIENDSHIP.

4. PRESIDENT SADAT'S DECISION TO TRUST THE UNITED STATES AND TO TURN EGYPT TOWARD CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH US HAS BENEFITTED BY YOUR SPECIAL SKILLS AS CHIEF ARCHITECT AND EXPONENT OF THIS HISTORIC EVOLUTION IN EGYPTIAN POLICY. THE POLICY IS A NOTABLY PRACTICAL ONE AS WELL AS A COURAGEOUS ONE, AND YOU ARE DISTINCTIVELY A PRACTICAL STATESMAN. IT IS SO MUCH EASIER TO WORK FOR PRAGMATIC OBJECTIVES WHEN ONE IS DEALING WITH A TRIED AND TRUSTED FRIEND AS YOU HAVE PROVEN TO BE, OVER AND OVER AGAIN. IT IS PARTICULARLY SATISFYING TO SEE IN RECENT MONTHS THAT YOUR ARAB BROTHERS HAVE LAID ASIDE SOME OF THEIR EARLIER MISGIVINGS, AND THERE IS EVIDENT A MORE GENERAL DISPOSITION TO ADOPT THE GOALS THAT YOU AND PRESIDENT SADAT HAVE BEEN WORKING TOWARD ALL ALONG. RECALLING THE EARLIER DIVERGENCIES AMONG YOUR ARAB NEIGHBORS BRINGS TO MIND ONCE AGAIN THE EXTRAORDINARY COURAGE THAT EGYPT DEMONSTRATED DURING THE DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS WHEN THE BELIEF IN THE ATTAINABILITY OF PEACE WAS NOT NEARLY SO WIDESPREAD AS IT IS TODAY.

5. LET ME SAY VERY SINCERELY, MY DEAR ISMAIL, THAT I SHALL REGRET THE CONSTANT STIMULATION, AND EVEN THE OCCASIONAL LECTURES THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME AS YOU PURSUED WITH VIGOR AND INGENUITY THE INTERESTS OF EGYPT IN ITS FOREIGN RELATIONS. THE EVER-DEEPENING FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EGYPT COULD NOT

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HAVE COME NEARLY SO FAR WITHOUT YOUR OWN ASTUTE ATTENTION AND COMMITMENT. PRESIDENT SADAT AND ALL WHO WILL BE WORKING WITH HIM IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND A BETTER LIFE FOR EGYPTIANS ARE FORTUNATE INDEED TO HAVE YOU AT THE VORTEX OF THESE EXCITING AND HOPEFUL EFFORTS. I HAVE COMMENDED YOU HIGHLY TO MY SUCCESSOR AND HAVE URGED THAT HE AND PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO THE ROLE AMERICA CAN PLAY IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND THEM WELL-DISPOSED TO DO SO.

6. NANCY AND I, AS YOU KNOW, FEEL KEENLY THE DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE POSTPONEMENT OF OUR LAST EFFORT TO GET TOGETHER. WITH MORE FREEDOM ON THE HORIZON FOR THE KISSINGERS, I AM COUNTING ON YOU TO FIND THE RIGHT TIME FOR YOU AND AFAF WITH NANCY AND ME TO PICK UP AGAIN AND RENEW THE FRIENDSHIP WHICH WE WILL CHERISH IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

7. WARM PERSONAL REGARDS ALWAYS, HENRY. END QUOTE.  
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